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# Spring Break Georgia Mission Trip

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Saint Leo students attended the SERVE Trip to Life Teen Camp Hidden Lake in Georgia from Mar. 13 to 17. The students were joined by students from the University of South Florida (USF) on this snowy and work-filled week.

Hidden Lake may be hard to envision but the director, Shawn Delaney, described Hidden Lake as a place that is the "lighthouse for the community." He also said that the Hidden Lake, which is both a retreat center and a summer camp, is a place for prayer, restoration, and community, as well as a place to encounter Christ. In fact, the students were working all week to complete work projects dedicated to creating a place where "Christ will be encountered," Delaney said.

"Everything you guys [have] been working on this week is literally setting up a place for a Christ to be encountered, whether it's a retreat or summer camp or any person that comes. From knocking down walls in the art barn, to trimming out bushes, to making firewood, every single thing you guys do," said Delaney. "Some of the projects [that we are doing for the very first time]. So, it was really dreaming of what we want to have in place and how we can get it done."

Projects included throwing away old washing machines, constructing steps, building carts, knocking down walls, clearing out plots of land, chopping wood, and even tearing down trees.

Delaney commented on how the staff and himself prepared for the students arriving for this work week; they prayed every day since the students were signed up for the trip. Also, within a week before the trip began, the crew planned the projects, gathered and separated the materials for each work project, and, a day before the students arrived, distributed the materials to each job site.

Delaney commended groups, such as the students from Saint Leo and USF, who come and volunteer to help fix up Hidden Lake as it would not have been where it is now. In fact, Hidden Lake has only been open for three years now but before it was a school, it was called Hidden Lake Academy - one with a horrible reputation. Buildings, such as the main meeting space, were run down, abandoned and even condemned; however, over the course of a few years, Hidden Lake went through an overhaul, with buildings been redone and the reputation of Hidden Lake being transformed for the better.

"We have come a long way. It was Hidden Lake Academy and then it was shut down for four, five years unmaintained," said Delaney. "So, we have just been slowly bringing it back to life. And it helps out a lot with groups like you guys who are committed to our mission. You guys come to make it what it is."

Besides the work projects, the students were there to build a community and bond with one another. This was done through eating meals together; the community was strengthened further through doing morning prayer, night prayer, and mass. The week was not simply filled with work and prayer but also fun activities, such as "scatterball," which was a game similar to dodgeball, that the students and the staff played every single day during the week - sometimes multiple times a day. No matter the fun and the games, the students managed to complete a lot of work. In fact, Delaney commended all the work the students accomplished during their stay at Hidden Lake.

"We are happy to have you guys here. You guys are always welcomed, honestly. And it is no small feat and no small thing to consider that you guys are creating a place for Christ to be encountered in the future for years and years and years. There are projects that I have done at our other camp that is still there that people use every single year, which is awesome," said Delaney.

Photo by Wakens Leonard

**The price of the trip would have been $125 as Tiffany said but she was able to get the price to $78. The money given was a donation for Hidden Lake, which is a non-profit organization.**

The other camp he referred to is Covecrest, which is a sister camp connected with Life Teen as well, and this is the camp that Tiffany Fettig, the Camp Minister at University Ministry, served at. Her time spent serving as a missionary for Teen Life was one motivator for setting up the trip to Hidden Lake for the spring break as she wanted people to experience the missionary life with Life Teen like what she experienced.

"I knew I wanted to people up there because I loved Hidden Lake a lot and I love the missionaries that were there and every time you step on the Hidden Lake's property, it just feels like a slice of heaven," said Fettig. "And I wanted students to experience that because I think it's very profound but also at Hidden Lake what they do during that work week is prayer and work; and, it's part of the Benedictine rule of life. So, it's really cool to tie our Benedictine roots from the school into what they're doing as well which is pray and work, so we get to pray with the missionaries and also get ourselves into manual labor. So, I wanted people to experience that."

Also, University Ministry, through connections with Hidden Lake and USF, combined with USF to bring 20 students from each school to participate in the work week at Hidden Lake. In fact, Fettig, who knows the missionaries from Hidden Lake and Delaney very well, contacted Hidden Lake requesting students to come and she said they agreed with no hesitation.

Some students from USF were able find out about this trip through USF's Catholic Student Union (CSU), including Ochuko Okor, who is a junior majoring Mass Communications.

"I found out about the service trip [through] the Catholic Student Center at USF… I wanted to do it because I enjoy making a difference and at the same time growing in faith," said Okor. "I was looking forward to another service trip organized by the CSU. This one was different because all I heard about it before was that it was mostly a community service trip. But this was more than that. I experienced a community, love and effortless service. While I worked on camp projects I felt God working on me. He made me want to share more love and happiness with anyone I encounter. It was a marvelous experience and I hope many get the opportunity to participate in trips like this."

For Fettig, watching people journey with Christ, especially those she never saw on this journey was something she described as beautiful. She also described the trip, although it didn't go as she planned, as a different and beautiful experience.

"I think the trip went great. It was a different experience I had with Life Teen Missions because normally I'm not the one that is being ministered to, I am the one that's ministering," said Fettig. "It didn't go as planned but it came out more beautiful than I thought it would, especially with the work projects. I envisioned some of the things to look like a certain way and then once they were all done like seeing them was beautiful."

Photos by Wakens Leonard

**Delaney said that there are numerous opportunities for the students who worked tirelessly during spring break or for any other person to come to Hidden Lake, whether it be for retreats, camps, or even work projects.**

# Editorial

## The Future of Mobile Applications

**By Rafal Matuszczak**
Staff Writer

Since the invention of smartphones, mobile applications have gained vast popularity all around the world. Nevertheless, the way in which they are designed and how users interact with them nowadays are different from what they used to be. This might make some people wonder whether the applications that they know today will survive or die during the coming decades.

History shows that there have been trends in regards to how the applications were designed. It is noticeable that the history of mobile applications consists of cycles and certain patterns repeat themselves.

"Initially, we had applications that we would install on our devices because they would work faster. We would not have to wait for a server to calculate anything and wait for a response after sending a request and all the procedures required by an application would be processed on our personal device," said Saint Leo computer science instructor Eva Groudas.

The situation changed when people noticed that some of the processing could be done on the web. In such a situation, it would not be required to have a very powerful device to process some sophisticated tasks.

"The servers could do some of the processing for us remotely without having to install the software on our devices. Therefore, the client requesting a service from a server would not need to have a very fast computer with expensive hardware anymore because all the heavyweight processing would happen on the server," said Groudas.

In 2007, Apple introduced the first iPhone. At the time, the market was not as big as it is today and the developers had an easy task of developing applications just for the iPhone's operating system. However, the situation changed when other devices running different systems, such as Android, were introduced to the market.

"Apple came up with smartphones that amazed people with how easy it was to use them and how good the applications looked. People realized that the web-based applications did not give them the same feeling as the native smartphone applications did, and they did not really like them. As a result, due to the market changes, the native applications that were installed on the devices regained their popularity, as they gave the users a much better experience," said Groudas.

The aftermath of developing the first iPhone and the increase in the variety of devices that are accessible to the users affected the way in which mobile applications are developed.

"Currently, the variety of devices that can run mobile applications is very high. It is a nightmare for the developers to create native applications that will run on each of the systems. Companies have to hire developers that specialize in creating applications for many different platforms. The market is huge, and it is very difficult and costly to develop such applications independently," said Groudas.

Because of the issues related to the process of development, it was necessary to find some kind of solution. As a result, history repeated itself with more and more applications that are developed being web-based nowadays.

"The industry has been trying to resolve the issue and find a way to merge all the branches together and avoid developing native applications for different systems. The result was creating mobile web-based applications that give the users a feeling of being native," said Groudas.

The approach has been very successful, as most of the applications that are created are entirely based on the communication with an external. This ensures that the user does not have to install anything on their device and they can simply access a website instead. Nevertheless, many existing applications, even those that use communication with the Internet, still have to be installed on the users' devices.

"The majority of mobile applications are based on the communication between the client and the server. However, there are still many applications that have to be downloaded and installed on a device," said Groudas. "I think they will adapt and they will be modified, but they won't go away. The hardware might take a different shape and thereby the applications will change as well, but the applications in regards to passing the data will never go away."

Even though history repeated itself, there is still a chance that it will happen again in the future. It is still unknown how mobile applications will look like years from now. Taking into account all the rapid changes that happen in the technology industry, the mobile applications of the future might have an entirely new shape in few decades.

## Here's what you missed online this week at www.prideonlinedot.wordpress.com

### Saint Leo Tobacco-Free

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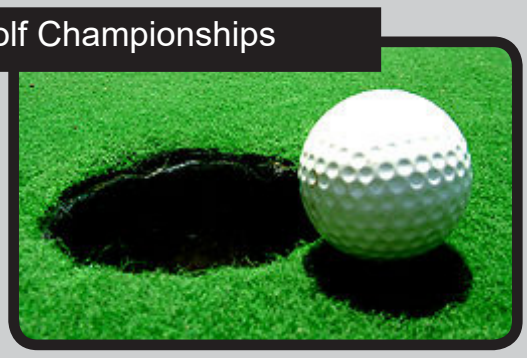
The Student Government Union (SGU) set up the Tobacco-Free event that took place on Mar. 9. The event raised awareness about tobacco and cigarettes with a survey. To learn more about the event, head online.

### Golf Championships



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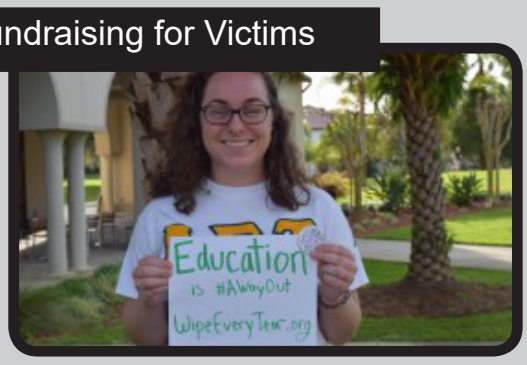
Over spring break, the golf teams took part in their conference championships. To learn how the teams did, head online and read the article!

### Fundraising for Victims

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Her Week was all about fundraising events put on to raise awareness about the global problem of sex trafficking and to collect donations for victims of the issue. To read the full article, head online.


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**Instructor:** Trish Toms
**Day & Time:** TR 11:00 a.m.
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### ART 200 Intermediate Pottery
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**Day & Time:** TBA

### ART 221 Drawing
**Instructor:** Trish Toms
**Day & Time:** T 8:00 a.m.
Freehand drawing from landscape, live models, and objects. Emphasis on training students to see, to understand, and to report through drawing. Six hours of studio per week.

### ART 226 Beginning Photography
**Instructor:** James Hughson
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**Instructor:** Dr. Daniel DuBois
**Day & Time:** TR 12:30 p.m.
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### HTY 423 From a Nation of Farmers to the World's Leading Super Power: The U.S. in the Twentieth Century
**Instructor:** Dr. Daniel DuBois
**Day & Time:** TR 9:30 a.m.
Take a wild ride through 20th century history and explore the transformation of the United States as it grew from a bit payer just beginning to emerge from an agrarian cocoon of isolationism to become the colossus that dominated world affairs politically, socially, artistically, militarily and diplomatically. How did that growth challenge the environment and what is the appropriate role for the US to pay in the debate over sustainability, and the future of the globe.

### HTY 315
**Instructor:** Dr. Heather Parker
**Day & Time:** TR 11:00 a.m.
Take a walk on the wild side as we explore the history of the American West. You will learn about cowboys, outlaws, Native Americans, miners, pioneers, wild women, buffalo, the railroad, and lawmen. Additionally, you will consider the role that movies and television have played in Americans' romantic idealization of the "Old West."

### SOC 330 Environmental Sociology
**Instructor:** Dr. Patricia Campion
**Day & Time:** MWF 3:30 p.m.
When we think about the environment, we think about ecology, chemistry, or climatology. Yet environmental issues start and end with people. Pollution affects our health, social movements fight for nature conservation, and policies determine our energy choices… In Environmental Sociology, you'll learn about the social causes and consequences of environmental degradation, why some groups are affected more than others, how we define nature and the environment, and what we can do about environmental problems. Roll up your sleeves and join us to discuss these issues, and learn to be an advocate for an environmental cause you care about.

### POL/HTY 395 Genocide, War-crimes and Laws of War
**Instructor:** Dr. Marco Rimanelli
**Day & Time:** MWF 3:30 p.m.
Explore the darker side of the 20th century, as Turks attempted to annihilate Armenians, Germans to eradicate Jews and Gypsies, Northern Sudanese to massacre Southern Sudanese and the list goes on. This course will examine those acts of horror and the questions of international law and the limits on control that the world must confront if we are to stop the killing.

### POL 300 The American Presidency
**Instructor:** Francis Orlando
**Day & Time:** TR 9:30 a.m.
If you're excited/anxious/hopeful/fearful about what is going on in the White House, then join us as we go beyond the headlines to see how the Office of the Presidency really works. We will analyze the activities of its current inhabitant and place those in the context of what the presidency has been.

### MUS 120, 220, 320, and 420 - Private Instruction
in piano, voice, strings, guitar, ukulele, woodwinds, and brass. Students receive a minimum of ten private lessons during the semester with a qualified instructor on their instrument or voice. Semester fee is required. For more information please contact Megan Orendorf (jennifer.orendorf@saintleo.edu).

### MUS 100 CA01 A Capella Group
**Instructor:** Pamela Decius
Our small group ensembles perform at campus events such as the biannual student art shows, poetry readings, recitals, and receptions. They also have many opportunities to perform in the community at local events, art galleries, and retirement communities.

### MUS 100 CA02 Saint Leo Singers
**Instructor:** Dr. Cynthia Selph
Choral ensemble that performs all styles of music from classical to pop to multi-cultural to gospel. This ensemble performs with a variety of instrumental accompaniment, and is open to all singers. Auditions for placement are held during the first week of classes.

### MUS 130 CA01 Jazz Ensemble
**Instructor:** Mauricio Rodriguez

### MUS 130 CA02 String Ensemble
**Instructor:** Kasia Dolinska
String Ensemble is a small performance group open to students of all levels of skill. The ensemble meets once a week for rehearsals throughout the semester, and they perform in venues such as the annual student art shows, the Christmas Concert, and student and faculty recitals. The group is led by violinist Kasia Dolinska, who also teaches private string instruction. Ms. Dolinska holds Masters Degrees from the Fryderyk Chopin Academy of Music in Warsaw, Poland and the University of South Florida. Currently, she plays with the Florida Orchestra, Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra, and Tampa Opera.

### MUS 301 Intro to Music Technology
**Instructor:** Mauricio Rodriguez
**Day & Time:** MWF 1:30 p.m.
This course is an introduction to the world of computer based music composing, arranging, and printing using Ableton Live music production software and Sibelius music notation software. MUS 121 - Music Theory I and MUS 122 - Music Theory II are highly recommend, but not required prerequisites.

### ENG 300 CA01 The World of Harry Potter
**Instructor:** Dr. Kathryn Duncan
**Day & Time:** MWF 10:30 a.m.
Whether you're a Muggle or a Wizard, this class will enchant you! This course will focus on the literary elements of J. K. Rowling's Harry Potter series, and then travel to Scotland and England for Thanksgiving break to experience the magic first hand! No prerequisite.

### ENG 300 CA02 Nature Writing
**Instructor:** Gianna Russo
**Day & Time:** MWF 12:30 p.m.
A General Elective Creative Writing class that uses model nature writing and field trips to inspire creative works of nonfiction, poetry and fiction. No prerequisite.

### FAS 330 Theatre History and Theory
**Instructor:** Dr. Alicia Corts
**Day & Time:** MWF 3:30 p.m.
Theatre has played vital roles in the cultivation of politics, society, and culture from ancient times until today. Theatre History explores the ways that productions have been influenced by history and how these productions give us a glimpse into the social fabric of each era. This course will cover Greek, Roman, medieval, early European, Restoration, and world theatre types such as Sanskrit theatre and the development of Kabuki and Beijing Opera. While play reading is a part of the course, we will also use primary documents, studies of theatre architecture, and theatrical conventions to explore the cultural context of each era.

### RUS 111 Beginning Russian I
**Instructor:** Dr. Iona Sarieva
**Day & Time:** MWF 12:30 p.m.
Interested in languages and culture? Come join us as we celebrate the richness of Russian culture and language! No prerequisite.

### SPA 111 Beginning Spanish I
**Instructor:** Dr. Marcela Van Olphen
**Day & Time:** TR 11:00 a.m. or 12:30 p.m.
Join us as we explore Hispanic life through an introduction to language and culture! Learn the fundamentals of pronunciation, conversation, grammar, and written communication through the acquisition of basic Spanish vocabulary. No prerequisite.

# Local

## The Role of Military Students at Saint Leo

**By Niclas Bez**
Staff Writer

Photo from @sluchesapeake

**According to List25.com, The United States budgets about $600 billion dollars to the United States military force, which includes the Air Force, Marines, Army, Navy and Coast Guard.**

***The Lions' Pride is running articles for the month of Mar. in honor of Military Caregiver Month. This is the third article in a series to be published for this month.***

Saint Leo University is a school that is known throughout the country for being very military friendly. Whether it is online, in the education centers, or on the main campus, the University holds pride in serving the men and women that serve the United States of America.

Many students had the experience of having military veterans in their classes. For the majority of the students that start their college life right after high school, it is a new experience. The veterans bring a lot of experience from their career and life to the classroom. Many of them have served overseas, are married, or even have children. These very different backgrounds can add value to class discussions through different views and levels of experience.

"I am currently the Director of Military Services and in that role, I am able to work directly with student veterans and military students and military family members to assist them with any issues or challenges they may have during their course of study with Saint Leo," said Pamela Martis, who is a retired U.S. Army Colonel, showing how the University benefits from hiring former military service men and women.

Martis retired from active duty in 2013, having served 28 years. She was commissioned from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, NY, Class of 1985, where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in operations research management. She has two master degrees from the University of Kansas and the National Defense University. In addition to that, she was awarded the Bronze Star and the Department of Defense Distinguished Superior Service Medal.

"I act as an advocate for them with other University offices and departments and work closely with the Registrar, the Deans and the VP for the WorldWide Division to ensure we provide the supportive services needed by our military and student veterans. I also am the Staff Advisor for the Saint Leo University Student Veterans of America Chapter." Colonel Martis said. "My office works with the Center Directors and helps to advocate for the military and student veterans attending at the centers as well as online and here at University campus. Saint Leo University has a rich heritage and tradition of providing education services to military and we value that relationship by supporting our military and student veterans wherever they may be attending.

There are other veterans working professionally on campus in numerous departments. In addition to Colonel Martis, the University also hired Bob Quinn as vice president of Business Development. Quinn is a seasoned veteran in corporate management; he served as a captain in the U.S. Army and was awarded the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, among other commendations.

Another addition in the staff under Lennox is Cyrus Brown. In Aug. of 2016, Brown started his new role of executive director of University Public Safety. In this capacity, he is responsible for reviewing and improving safety measures throughout the university. Prior to joining Saint Leo, he was associate director of safety for Bethune-Cookman University (FL) and served for 31 years in the Florida Highway Patrol. Brown is also a veteran of the U.S. Army. In addition to a bachelor and a master degree, he is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy, the Southern Police Institute at the University of Louisville (KY), and Leadership in Police Organizations program from the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

Currently, there are around 5,100 former military students attending Saint Leo University. This number marks around one third of all students that attend Saint Leo University on the main campus, online, and at the education centers. There are also active duty military members taking online classes, while being stationed around the world.

Saint Leo University's efforts to serve active duty and former military members did not stay unheard. According to a U.S. News & World report, Saint Leo University is providing two of the best programs in the United States, while also being ranked 37th for the best online bachelors programs for veterans. In addition to that the University has earned a Top 10 Gold Level military friendly school award in December of 2016.

"The value that the student veterans and military bring to campus is immeasurable. Their life experiences give them a different and wide perspective in terms of how they find solutions to challenges, the leadership roles they filled in the military and the teamwork and organization skills they developed during their military service," said Colonel Martis. "I encourage all students, whether on Main campus or at one of our many education centers or even through our Center for Online Military & Family Club monthly meetings to reach out to student veterans and military students to engage them and learn what their service instilled in them and how they use what they learned in the military to tackle their transition back into the civilian lifestyle and into a higher education and college environment."

In the near future, the University is likely to continue its dedicated efforts to support military students. Especially, with the Saint Leo President William J. Lennox Jr., who is a retired U.S. Army three-star lieutenant general. After graduating the U.S. military academy in West point he had a 35 year long military career, before changing career paths. Next to Lennox, there are many more Saint Leo employees who bring leadership from previous military careers to the University.

# National

## The Cost of San Francisco Offering Free College

**By Victoria Calvillo**
Contributing Writer

In San Francisco, free college tuition is becoming a reality. On Feb. 6, the mayor of San Francisco, Ed Lee, announced free tuition for residents. This makes San Francisco "the first city in the nation to offer free tuition to residents," according to PBS News.

Free education is a very controversial topic in the current American society. During the 2016 Presidential Elections, the candidates touched on the topic of free tuition several times. The Washington Post explained Hillary Clinton's "debt-free college plan," which would go into action if she were to win the Presidential Election. Clinton's plan was to begin with families who earned yearly incomes of $85,000 or lower. These people would pay no tuition, due to their economic status. Next, she would have the income maximum increase by $10,000 a year, for the next four years.

On the other hand, according to Fox Insider, President Trump expressed his concern with this idea by stating that taxes for the American people not attending college would sky-rocket, and explained that the increase would be stressful for taxpayers. President Trump also mentioned that he would love to see free education in America, but it simply is not a current option.

Patrick Murphy, economics professor, also mentioned his same concern on the matter; "Where would they generate the revenue to pay for it? Depending on how its paid for, can be dangerous to mess around with for the people, and the market."

USA Today reports that San Francisco is able to able to free college due to tax on properties that sold for at least $5 million, and this agreement of free college is expected to begin next fall. Mayor Lee explained that the money saved will not only go toward tuition, but students who receive The Board of Governors Waiver, will also get at least an additional $500. The thought behind this additional $500 is, "For books, for fees, for transportation costs. Things that are really costing students and adding to their debt...we want our students to be debt free," Lee said.

The point that Lee was making was that he wants students to be able to go into the adult world debt-free and allow them to be stress free concerning student loans. Students wanting to qualify for free tuition in the city must have lived in the city for at least a year prior to applying for college. Lee's announcement concerning his plan for the residents of San Francisco students was recorded and published on YouTube.

San Francisco is not the only place that offers free college. Certain colleges in the United States also offer free tuition, with requirements. Residents of the state of New York have the opportunity, if accepted, to have a full scholarship to Macaulay Honors College. Macaulay Honors College offers perks from their "Opportunities Fund". This offers a grant that can be up to "$7,500 to be used toward supplemental learning experiences, such as a study abroad, internship, or professional development project," according to website The Best Colleges.

Another college that offers free tuition to students is Curtis Institute of Music. The music based college is located in Philadelphia, Pa. "Admission is highly competitive, with a total enrollment of only 165 students," according to The Best Colleges. All accepted students receive a full scholarship, and students with provable financial need will get financial assistance for other expenses.

There are countries around the world that offer free college to residents, such as Germany, Sweden, Norway, France, Slovenia, and Finland. However, there are some down sides to these countries offering free college though. In Norway and Sweden, the cost of living is sky-high. This is the issue that President Trump spoke about in response to Clinton, as the money for the college would have to come from taxes, causing cost of living to increase.

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France's free college system works on similar grounds of Clinton's plan. The tuition costs are based upon a household's yearly income.

Nevertheless, free college for San Francisco residents is helping America take a step forward with the other countries who already offer free tuition. The students, who participate, are fortunate to start their lives debt free from student loans. It is exciting to see positive outcomes from Lee's success, and if any other cities or states follow in San Francisco's footsteps.

### Advantages and Disadvantages

***The following is the advantages and disadvantage of free college according to Economics Help.***

There are several advantages of having free college. There would be equality of opportunity for everyone, allowing students from low income families to be able to attend university.

Also, another benefit is that there would be more educated workers, benefitting society.

"Higher education leads to a more educated and productive workforce. Countries with high rates of university education generally have higher levels of innovation and productivity growth," according to Economics Help.

Also, since there is currently a high need for specialization professions, giving access to education would allow more people to be trained for these professions; according to Economics Help, "The global economy has forced countries, such as the UK to specialize in higher tech and higher value added products and services."

However, a disadvantage of free college is that some people may not finish their degree, wasting the money spent on the time that they attended. In fact, according toEconomics Help, "many graduates are leaving university to take jobs which don't require a degree… Therefore, it is a mistake to continue to fund the public expansion of university education because the economy doesn't need more graduates as much as other skills."

Another disadvantage, according to Economics Help is that free college can make some students be complacent; so, having to work for a higher education would make students value going to college more.

"If higher education is free, it may encourage students to take an easy three years of relaxation," according to Economics Help.

## Community Eradicates Homelessness

**By Michayne Stoney**
Staff Writer

A Canadian municipality, Medicine Hat, located in Alberta has managed to completely eradicate homelessness, ensuring that every inhabitants sleeps with a roof over their heads each night.

According to an article published by the GoodNews Network in May 2015, the city has put in place a policy which ensures that anyone who has spent 10 days on the streets or in a shelter gets a home. Such persons are moved into a house or apartment as soon as they are found.

The city managed to do this by adapting a "Housing First" approach, in which officials prioritize housing homeless before dealing with the reason they're homeless.

In 2009, the city began constructing homes for homeless people, and since Oct. 2015, has managed to move more than 900 people from off the streets and local shelters. According to an article posted by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) on May 14 2015, it cost the city only $20,000 per year to house one homeless person, and this is drastically less than the $100,000 the city would have to spend if the person was living out on the streets.

In an interview with CBC News, mayor of the community, Ted Clugston stated, "Housing First puts everything on its head. It used to be, 'You want a home, get off the drugs or deal with your mental health issues."

"If you're addicted to drugs, it's going to be pretty hard to get off them, if you're sleeping under a park bench," Clugston said.

In the same article posted by the CBC, it is noted that In Medicine Hat, emergency room visits and interactions with police have dropped. This saves the municipality's money, and helps their overall productivity level.

With a similar strategy, Utah has also managed to decrease their level of homelessness. An article posted by GoodNews Network in May 2015 states that "Utah has slashed chronic homelessness by 91 percent in the last ten years with a simple solution — give the homeless a home."

The article also went further to say that as a result Utah's success other states, such as Indiana, Hawaii and Washington State are considering to adapt a similar to eradicate homeless. Utah

In an interview with the Lion's Pride, some Saint Leo students weighed in on whether or not they thought that areas in and around Tampa could be successful in adapting this model.

"I think it would probably take around five years, but I definitely think that this could work. It's so heartbreaking to see the homeless people on the streets, especially when it gets cold," said Laurian Simpson, a freshman, majoring in biology. "Since I have started Saint Leo, I have volunteered with the Salvation Army a few times with the Honors Club, and we get to feed some homeless people. I know that they would definitely appreciate coming off the streets and having a roof over their heads."

White, professor of mathematics, and director of the Honors Program at Saint Leo University has facilitated a number of trips to the Salvation Army, where members of the Honors Club are able to help in feeding the homeless. White was asked to weigh in on what could be done to possibly eradicate homelessness in our nearby community.

"Something can be done about most problems in most places, given enough time and money. It is great that a place to live is provided for those in need in the community in Canada, but I am not sure we have available housing year round in Florida to make that happen quickly. In addition, the homeless problem is much more complex than just a place to live, they need many other services such as job training, mental healthcare, transportation, and food. We should always be careful to treat the problem, not just the symptoms," said White.

She is, however, optimistic about what the younger population has in store about these issues.

"It is exciting to work with your generation - I look forward to the day when I hear about an SLU graduate who has made great strides helping the homeless in Tampa Bay," said White.

# Arts & Entertainment

## Mermaids, Faeries, and Pirates, Oh My!

**By Emily Kochanski**
Campus News Editor

Looking for something exciting to do this coming weekend but sick of the mall and movie theater scene? To shake up the old routine and get a change of scenery, try travelling back in time; no DeLorean or TARDIS necessary.

The Bay Area Renaissance Festival, located behind the MOSI in Tampa, is the perfect experience for those who are fascinated by the days of old, enthralled with fantasy and adventure, or just looking for a good excuse to don a costume. The festival was first held in 1979 and, according to its official website, has since attracted nearly 80,000 guests annually, making it one of Tampa's premiere attractions.

From the moment guests first enter, they are wholeheartedly welcomed by a cast of whimsical characters and immersed in the culture of the sixteenth century. The festival offers an array of food, games, and entertainment suitable for guests of all ages. Patrons can kick back with a tasty turkey leg and enjoy silly shows, such as the "Mud Show" or the "Washing Wenches," or celebrate with a glass of mead after taking home the gold in the Highland Games. Other popular events include an action-packed joust, live music and dancing, and acrobatic performances. For guests also wanting to look the part, the festival also features over 100 merchants offering up a vast assortment of handcrafted clothing, accessories, and weapons.

The festival typically begins in mid to late Feb. and ends in early Apr. Each weekend consists of a different theme, such as "Chocolate and Fantasy," "Pirates and Pets," and "Time Travelers" (for all those diehard "Doctor Who" fans). This year's festival will run through April 2. Upcoming events include "Barbarian Brew Fest" on Mar. 25 and 26, "Festival Friday" on Mar. 31, and "High Seas Adventure" on Apr. 1 and 2.

Tickets are available for purchase upon entry or can be purchased in advance on the festival's website or at a discounted price at most Walgreens drug stores. Adult tickets are $17.95 but student discounts are offered to those who provide their school identification.

For those who are bored with the minimal entertainment this century has to offer, take a trip back to the sixteenth century at the Bay Area Renaissance Festival before time runs out. Apr. 2 is approaching fast! For more information, visit the official website at bayarearenfest.com.

### Upcoming Events

**Renaissance Festival**
***Date:***
2/6- 4/2 @ 10 AM- 6 PM
***Location:***
11315 N 46th St, Tampa, FL 33617
***Contact:***
813-983-0111
***Price:***
$12.95- $20.95
***Description:***
Visitors can travel back to the 16th century and experience live entertainment including jousting, artisans selling their wares, games, and sustinence.

The festival is also a teaching experience. Festival goers can learn how to fight like the brave warriors by watching or engaging in a battle.

Before there was football, jousting was the original grudge match. Patrons could choose a side and offer the knights a favor before watching them ride off into a daring duel on horseback.

Make way for the Queen! Her royal highness, followed by a cast of colorful characters, makes her way throughout the festival and welcomes guests of all ages.

Photos by Emily Kochanski

# Arts & Entertainment

## Slow and Steady Wins the Race

**By Collin Moran**
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Photo from @cdkeyscom

**"Wildlands" lets players team up with a maximum of three friends in a large open-world environment.**

"Tom Clancy's Ghost Recon: Wildlands" is setting the bar high for all other games arriving in 2017 and could very well end up being the best open-world action game this year. "Wildlands" is the tenth installment in the Ghost Recon Series developed by Ubisoft Paris and is the first game in the series to feature a fully immersive open-world map. While all other Ghost Recon games featured a linear campaign that would take a player around eight hours to finish, this year's game features a huge map filled with dozens of story missions and an extra 10 hours of side missions and loot hunting. The game can take anywhere from 20 to 40 hours to complete and provides a massive amount of content for its 60 dollar price tag.

Wildlands takes the player into the South American country of Bolivia. The country has been nearly taken over by the Santa Blanca Cartel, who had once operated in Mexico but moved into Bolivia to grow in size and power. There is no one in the Bolivian Government who will interfere with the cartel's operation due to the threat of violence, and Santa Blanca continues to turn the country into the largest cocaine production location in the world.

Due to concerns of the drugs coming into North America, the United States Government decides to initiate Operation Kingslayer that will send in four elite operators called "Ghosts" who will attempt to dismantle the cartel one piece at a time. While in Bolivia, the "Ghosts" must take down various cartel leaders with the help of local rebel forces in an attempt to take down the drug production and expose the link between the Bolivian Government and the Santa Blanca Cartel.

"Ghost Recon: Wildlands" brings along great gameplay that was featured in "Ghost Recon: Future Soldier" back in 2012. Like other games in this series, the gameplay revolves heavily around stealth, and completing objectives without being detected. The stealth is pretty fluent in this game, the player is given a powerful recon drone that can be used to scout out any mission area while staying undetected.

Most enemies have a fairly short line of sight and the player can get close before they are seen. Using teamwork and specialized equipment, completing a mission without being detected is easy after some practice. The gunplay in "Wildlands" is one of the best to be featured in the third person game. The game has a strong focus on stealth, but it has actually turned out to be a great tactical shooter that can rival any game in its genre.

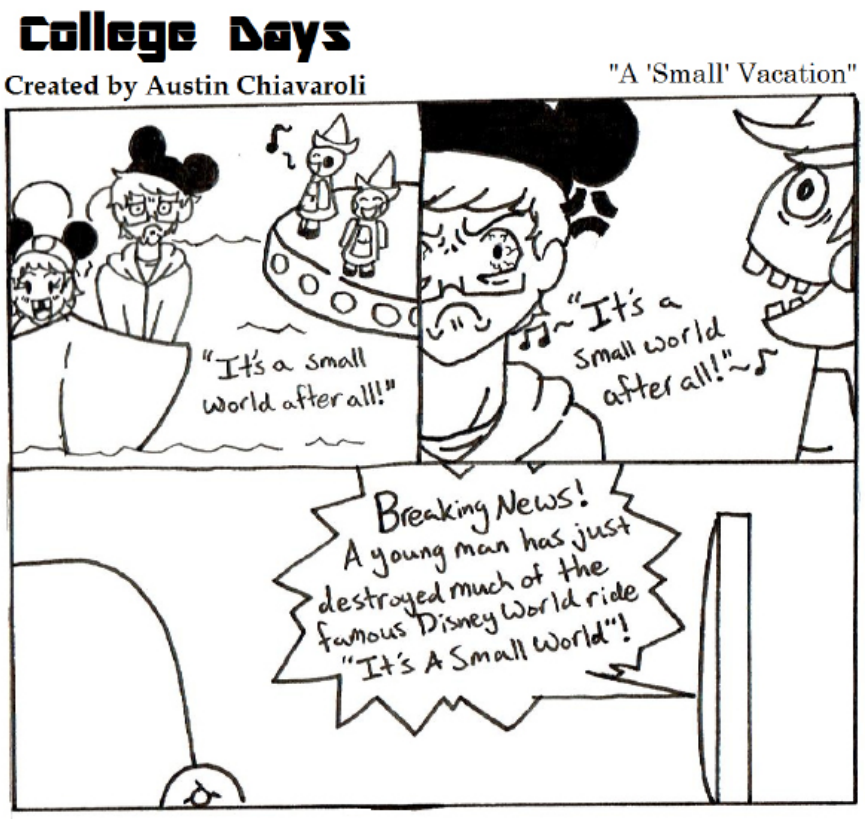
The iconic Gunsmith has returned from prior games and gives players complete customization over the weapons that they bring into combat. "Wildlands" features a collection of dozens of firearms, ranging from long range to close quarters weapons. Each gun has tons of camos and attachments to customize the players' weapon and make it unique to their playstyle. Combat has never been a strength for Ubisoft shooters, and "Wildlands" is their best work in that area yet.

This new development of Ghost Recon may end up being regarded as Ubisoft's best work yet, and a lot of that praise comes from the impressive world they have created. The company has stated multiple times that the map in "Wildlands" is the biggest they have ever put into a game. The country of Bolivia that has been recreated in the game is truly a work of art, and is noticeably larger than the open-world maps inside Ubisoft's "The Division" and "Watch Dogs 2."

Various missions and objectives are scattered around throughout the different regions of the map and will take the player from desert terrain to the tops of snow covered mountain ranges. Each region on the map is controlled by a different leader within the Santa Blanca Cartel, and the player must complete different objectives within the area in order to take care of the boss. Once the region leader is taken care of, the player can move on to the next area. Progress can be tracked through a map tree of Santa Blanca, officials who remain in the game, and others who the player has already taken care of. The layout of the game is very easy to understand even for beginners. Once a certain amount of the Santa Blanca tree is completed, there will be an opportunity to take down the leader and, if successful, finish the game.

"Ghost Recon: Wildlands" brings one of the biggest open-world environments and combines it with some of the best shooter gameplay in the series, but not everything is flawless in Ubisoft's latest title. One of the biggest features of the game is the two to four player co-op gameplay, which lets players do their story missions with friends instead of with AI teammates. Co-op can be fun if players join with the right people, but usually it becomes very uncoordinated and teamwork goes right out the window. The game actually plays best in solo when the player has complete control over his or her teammates. Combined with many server issues, online co-op isn't a great experience and could use some overhaul as the game progresses into 2017. Co-op is both the highlight and the demise of "Wildlands," but other than that, the game excels at almost everything except vehicle driving and a feeling of repetitiveness over time.

While "Ghost Recon: Wildlands" has a few flaws like every game, Ubisoft has done a great job at creating a game that is refreshing, fun, and gives the franchise a brand new look for the future. "Wildlands" is a must play and receives a solid 8.5/10 rating for this review.



# Sports

## Athletics Celebrate Spring Break Games

**By Niclas Bez**
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Photo from @SaintleoSB

**The Softball team had a lot to celebrate after dominating the games against number 18 ranked Caldwell University.**

During the spring break week, most students were able to go home or have a cool vacation with their friends. For many athletes, however, it was a time of hard work and early mornings. Seven Saint Leo teams, including Baseball, Softball, Track, Tennis, and Lacrosse, had to stay on campus most of the spring break for practice and games.

The Baseball team had a total of nine games that started off on the first weekend with games against baseball powerhouse Tampa. The University of Tampa Spartans are known for having one of the best Baseball programs in Division II, which won several National Championships over the last years. The number three ranked Spartans showed their class and beat the fighting Lions in all three games.

In the game against the University of Bridgetown, the Lions created a thrilling game for all the spectators that came out to the Thomas B. Southard Stadium on the first Monday of spring break. Bridgetown took the early lead, but the Lions quickly countered with seven runs in the third inning. The Lions continued with another stunning seven run inning that put them to a 15-5 lead. However, Bridgewater found their strength and started catching up.

Before the last inning, the score was 18-11 for the Lions, but Bridgeport stepped up their game and scored six runs to tie with the Lions. In the last inning the Lions were not able to score any runs and the game went to another inning. In the end, the Lions were able to prevent any runs in the top of the tenth and score a run in the bottom of the tenth. The Baseball team continued with confidence to a five-game slate against Rollins College, of which they won three and lost two games.

The Women's Softball team had a similarly busy schedule with seven games against three different programs. The Lions, that are currently ranked as number 11, started off their spring break with massive confidence as the team beat Eckerd College in all three games. On the Tuesday during spring break, the Lions hosted number 18 ranked Caldwell University.

In a showdown that was supposed to be a close game, the Saint Leo Softball team showed their class and won the first game 5-0. In the second game, the Lions continued their dominance to win 12-3. On the second weekend of the break, the team travelled to Lynn University to play the Knights in three games. Starting off with a loss on Friday the Lions showed up Saturday with two clear wins beating the knights 4-1 and 7-4.

The Men's Lacrosse team had a lot to celebrate during their spring break, winning three out of three games. The Lions defeated North Greenville and Westminster, while dominating the game against their region competitor Alabama Huntsville with a 21-3 win. With these wins the Lions earned their number 15 spot in the country and maintained it. In addition to that, the Sunshine State Conference awarded two Lions with an Offensive Player of the Week award for Junior Jake Gilmour and the Defensive Player of the Week award for Sophomore Thomas Tatarian.

The Women's Lacrosse team was able to be almost as successful, by winning two out of their three games. Only in the first spring break game, Seton Hill University beat the Lions on their home turf. Other than that, the Lions could not be stopped against Belmont Abbey and the University of Alabama Huntsville. Saint Leo stand-outs were Caroline Fraser in the offense and goalkeeper Rebecca Halley in the defense.

The Track team had to return early as well from their spring break to compete at the USF Bulls Invitational. The event kicked off Mar. 17 with the men's and women's five-kilometer race, where the Lions scored multiple top ten positions. On Saturday, the events continued with distances from 100 meter to the three-kilometer steeplechase. On that day, the top performers for Saint Leo were the two steeplechasers Joshua Sickinger and Colett Rampf. Sickinger won the men's race in a new school record time, while Colett Rampf won her race with a NCAA Division II qualifying mark.

Overall, the Lions were able to shine during the very active spring break. All teams look strong getting closer to the championship season, where they have the goal to represent Saint Leo University at the Regional and National level. The Lions' Pride Newspaper will continue to report about the next games on campus.

Photo from @saintleobase

**The Baseball team had many ups and downs during their spring break games.**

### Upcoming Games for the Week of 3/24/17 - 3/31/17

**M Track**

3/24: Vs N.C. State Univ. Raleigh Relays 3 PM
3/25: Vs N.C. State Univ. Raleigh Relays 3 PM
3/30: Vs Pepsi Florida Relays 5 PM

**W Track**

3/24: Vs N.C. State Univ. Raleigh Relays 3 PM
3/25: Vs N.C. State Univ. Raleigh Relays 3 PM
3/30: Vs Pepsi Florida Relays 5 PM

**Baseball**

3/24: Vs Nova Southeastern 6 PM
3/25: Vs Nova Southeastern 1 PM
3/25: Vs Nova Southeastern 5 PM

**M Lacrosse**

3/24: Vs Fla. Southern 7 PM
3/26: Vs Young Harris 12 PM

**W Lacrosse**

3/25: Vs Fla. Southern 1 PM
3/30: @ Limestone 4 PM

**Softball**

3/24: @ Fla. Southern 7 PM
3/25: @ Fla. Southern 1 PM
3/25: @ Fla. Southern 3 PM

**W Golf**

3/25: Vs Babs Steffens Invitational
3/26: Vs Babs Steffens Invitational
3/27: Vs Babs Steffens Invitational

**M Tennis**

3/25: Vs Embry-Riddle 12 PM
3/26: @ Barry 11 AM
3/29: @ Rollins 3 PM

**W Tennis**

3/25: Vs Embry-Riddle 12 PM
3/28: @ Tampa 3 PM